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5. The process for filtering a slurry which comprises passing a slurry through a conduit positioned within a filtration cartridge comprising a housing and a depth filter positioned within said housing and form said conduit through said depth filter, said cartridge being free of an open void volume which causes separation of particles from said slurry upstream of said depth filter, said depth filter comprising depth filter segments separated by annular spacers and recovering a slurry which has passed through said depth filter\_ from said filtration cartridge.